

December 8, 2014

## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Jocelyn Boyd Chief Clerk and Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Re: Filing of Quarterly Monitoring Report by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.

Pursuant to S.C. Code §58-5-430

Docket No. 2014-7-G

Pursuant to Section 58-5-430 of the South Carolina Natural Gas Rate Stabilization Act, enclosed is the quarterly monitoring report for the twelve-month period ending September 30, 2014, for Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.

If you have any questions about this filing, you may reach me at 704-731-4560 or Robert Thornton at 704-731-4148.

Sincerely,

s/ Jenny Furr Jenny Furr Manager, Regulatory Reporting

## Enclosures

c: ORS – Tom Allen (via UPS overnight) Shannon Hudson James H. Jeffries IV

## CERTIFICATION

I, Thomas E. Skains and Karl W. Newlin, state and attest, under penalty of perjury, that the attached Quarterly Monitoring Report is filed on behalf of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. as required by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina; That I have reviewed said report and, in the exercise of due diligence, have made reasonable inquiry into the accuracy of the information and representations provided therein; and that, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, all information contained therein is accurate and true and contains no false, fictitious, fraudulent or misleading statements; that no material information or fact has been knowingly omitted or misstated therein, and that all information contained therein has been prepared and presented in accordance with all applicable South Carolina general statutes, Commission rules and regulations, and applicable Commission Orders. Any violation of this Certification may result in the Commission initiating a formal earnings review proceeding.

Thomas E. Skains President and CEO

December 2, 2014

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**Date Signed** 

Karl W. Newlin

Senior Vice President and CFO

<u>Pec.</u> 2, 2ο/4 Date Signed

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this

2nd day of December, 2014.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires 4/16/2015

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•		Per Filing		Accounting And Pro Forma Adjustments		After Pro Forma <u>Adjustments</u>	
Operating Revenues Sale of Gas Other Operating Revenues	\$	158,901,840 957,599	\$	(14,330,774)	\$	144,571,066 957,599	
Total Operating Revenue	\$	159,859,440	\$	(14,330,774)	\$	145,528,665	
Operating Expenses Cost of Gas Other Operation & Maintenance Depreciation General Taxes State Income Taxes Federal Income Taxes Amort. of ITC	\$	88,435,564 27,012,700 11,761,782 6,907,377 1,356,495 6,635,553 (21,004)	\$	(10,996,943) (1,060,421) 1,138,778 (151,205) (482,108) (843,678)	\$	77,438,621 25,952,279 12,900,560 6,756,172 874,387 5,791,875 (21,004)	
Total Operating Expenses	\$	142,088,468	\$	(12,395,578)	\$	129,692,891	
Net Operating Income	\$	17,770,971	\$	(1,935,197)	\$	15,835,775	
Interest on Customer Deposits Amortization of Debt Redemption Premium AFDUC Customer Growth		(100,836) - 232,825 115,511		- - (12,579)		(100,836) - 232,825 102,933	
Net Operating Income For Return	\$	18,018,472	\$	(1,947,776)	\$	16,070,696	
Original Cost Rate Base Plant in Service Accumulated Depreciation	\$	463,309,932 (196,615,536)	\$	-	\$	463,309,932 (196,615,536)	
Net Plant in Service Add:	\$	266,694,396	\$	•	\$	266,694,396	
Construction Work in Progress Materials and Supplies Cash Working Capital Deduct:		10,546,122 11,999,720 2,557,098		(132,553)		10,546,122 11,999,720 2,424,545	
Customer Advances for Construction Customer Deposits Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes Unclaimed Funds		2,674,263 62,926,787 81,434		- - -		2,674,263 62,926,787 81,434	
Total Original Cost Rate Base	<u>\$</u>	226,114,852	\$	(132,553)	\$	225,982,299	
Return on rate base		7.97%		=		7.11%	

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				After Accounting and Proforma Adjustments										
	Accounting Per Books and Pro Forma Settlement Capitalization Adjustments Capitalization		Calculated * Agreed to Ratio % Ratio %		Cost Net Embedded Investment Cost %		Overall Cost Rate %	Net Operating Income						
Long-Term Debt     Common Equity	\$ 1,409,291,398 1,303,195,222	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ 1,409,291,398 1,303,195,222	51.96% 48.04%	45.00% \$ 55.00%	101,692,035 124,290,265	5.04% 8.81%	2.27% 4.84%	\$ 5,125,279 10,945,417					
3. Total	\$ 2,712,486,620	\$ -	\$ 2,712,486,620	100.00%	100.00% \$	225,982,300	=	7.11%	\$ 16,070,696					

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Based on Agreement, the Common Equity Ratio will not fall below 55% or go above 57% and the Long-Term Debt Ratio will not fall below 43% or go above 45%

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached *Quarterly Monitoring Report* is being served this date via email and UPS Overnight upon:

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And that a copy of the attached *Quarterly Monitoring Report* is being served this date via email or U.S. Mail upon:

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This the 8th day of December, 2014.

s/ Scott M. Tyler Scott M. Tyler